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I am writing on behalf of the grievance administrator concerning the proposed changes to Rule 3 of the Rules Concerning the State Bar of Michigan and Rule 8 of the Rules for the Board of Law Examiners. The grievance administrator does not object to the proposed changes. It is recommended, however, that any revisions include provisions that an attorney who resigns voluntarily not be allowed to seek readmission for a period of five years from the date his or her letter of resignation is received by the State Bar of Michigan. This will make it clear to any lawyer attempting to avoid disciplinary action, that the consequence of a resignation will be similar to disbarment (i.e, a 5-year ineligibility from the practice of law). This timing element is in line with MCR 9.115(M), which provides that an attorney charged with discipline may only resign pursuant to an order of revocation (disbarment).

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